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**INVENTOR(S):** Robert A. Shearer  
**EXAMINER:** Craig E. Walter  
**GROUP ART UNIT:** 2188  
**CONFIRMATION NO.:** 8448

Attached are the following document(s) for the above-referenced application:

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal
2. Copy to charge Deposit. Account. No.: 09-0465 / ROC920030170US1.

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<b>Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal</b>  Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	10/677,425
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	Art Unit	2188
	Examiner Name	Craig E. Walter
	Attorney Docket No.	ROC920030170US1

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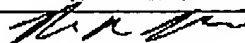
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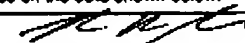
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